

## **Ann Skippers' supplementary note (email) 21 May 2024**

Dear All,

Thank you for appointing me as the independent examiner for this Neighbourhood Plan.

I am pleased to attach my final report. Please ensure that you liaise over publication with BCKLWN as the report is to the BCKLWN.

Thank you for coming back to me with your comments at the fact check stage. I have not made any revisions to my report, but please ensure it is this final version which is taken forward.

I have the following comments to make on your comments (if you see what I mean):

- page 28 of my report - it might be better to change the wording to [REDACTED] suggestion re index linked fees. This can be done by BCKLWN if so desired, but is not necessary for me to do as my recommended modification advises the latest figure should be sought.
- on non-designated heritage assets, I have recommended removal of Figure 16 from the Plan. This is important as no non-designated heritage assets have been designated by the NDP due to insufficient evidence. It would not be appropriate to move this Figure to an appendix of the Plan.
- on the development boundary for Roydon, to make the small change sought to the boundary would, I'm afraid, require further consultation. This could, in theory, have been dovetailed with the additional consultations we carried out on the NDP on other matters, but now, at fact check stage, it is too late in the day. My expectation is that on any new planning applications, a common sense approach would be taken by the Parish and BCKLWN given the planning consent. In terms of modifying the development boundary to make it align with the consented planning application site, once the NDP is made, a focused review of the NDP could be carried out with this change if desired. This could also be an opportunity to make any other updates or to add new policies etc. It might also be worth considering whether this change to the development boundary could be carried out by BCKLWN as part of the work on the Local Plan Review if development boundaries are taken forward. Please note these comments on the development boundary are given informally and in the spirit of just letting you know my thoughts rather than anything formal.

I hope that you will now find the report self-explanatory, but of course if any further queries arise about its clarity, please do not hesitate to contact me.

It is of course open to BCKLWN to make further changes to the NDP as it sees fit or not to accept my recommendations.

May I take this opportunity to wish the Parish Councils well with the ongoing work on the NDP? I enjoyed working on it and revisiting your part of the world.

Thank you once again for appointing me to undertake this examination. I enjoyed working on the Plan and visiting your part of the world. I hope to have the opportunity of working with you again.

Kindest regards Ann

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